GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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LABOUR ENGAGED IN TOBACCO INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have statistics of labourers engaged in Tobacco Industry and the number of farmers growing tobacco in India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the World Health Organisation has submitted detailed statistics in this regard in Geneva during October, 2000;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for furnishing the wrong information to WHO in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : Indian tobacco industry is in the private sector. This sector provides employment to about 7.5 million families. In India, about 63056 farmers grow Flue Cured Virginia tobacco (FCV). Farmers growing Non-FCV tobacco types are estimated around 4 lakhs.

(c) , (d) &(e) : Statistics on the number of labourers / workers engaged in the tobacco industry and the number of farmers growing tobacco in India have not been furnished to the World Health Organisation during October, 2000.